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Dyno Nobel Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award

Employees work more than 1 million hours without a lost-time incident

GRAHAM, Ky. (March 27, 2014) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet joined employees and officials in Graham today to honor Dyno Nobel with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The honor recognizes more than 1 million hours without a lost-time accident or illness at the facility, which is part of an international company that is a global leader in commercial explosives.

Kentucky Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts praised Dyno Nobel's commitment to a safe work environment.

"The phrase 'zero harm for everyone, everywhere' is more than a motto for Dyno Nobel, it's a way of conducting business that this company obviously takes very seriously," said Secretary Roberts. "Dyno Nobel has a rich history in the field of explosives, which is an industry that requires an extremely high level of attention to safety."

The founder of Dyno Nobel was Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite and the creator of the Nobel Prize. With 3,000 employees worldwide, the company has patented more than 2,800 products and currently has 230 patents in force.

Built in 1969, the Graham facility began with 13 employees and has grown to employ approximately 70 people. The plant has achieved 1,011,467 work hours without a lost-time incident, which spans more than seven calendar years.

“I am extremely proud of the employees to have reached this level of safety on the job and for them to be recognized for it,” said Dyno Nobel Site Manager Jim Jarvis. “They have proved that **zero harm** in the workplace is possible. For a little over seven years now, each and every employee has gone home each day as healthy as when he or she came to work. For that, I am most proud to be a part of this team!”

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Dyno Nobel, the requirement is 250,000 hours.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) last month as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative significantly to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible for a Governor’s Safety and Health Award, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time. The award is a certificate that contains the signatures of Gov. Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on Dyno Nobel, visit www.dynonobel.com.

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